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## Non-Responsive Amendment

The reply filed on 1/30/2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant states that an adequate response could not be provided in regards to claim 3 (see page 13, third paragraph, of applicant's response. Applicant indicates that since only a paragraph was given it was not possible to determine which reference the examiner was referring to in the rejection. The examiner notes that neither Ewald nor Borovoy contain a para 0043 and Joseph does not have any paragraphs at all, leaving Kesling as the only reference that has a para 0043. Since a simple means of deduction would lead one to understand which reference was intended and a call to the examiner could have resolved this issue before the reply was sent in the examiner, reopening of prosecution is not deemed warranted at this time. However, to afford Applicant a chance to properly respond to claim 3 Applicant is provided 1 month to respond by way of this office action. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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## Conclusion

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